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(sbu) Canada plans to be represented at the "political level" -- possibly by Deputy Foreign Minister Leonard Edwards -- at the May 29 International Compact with Iraq Ministerial in Stockholm, according to Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Deputy Director for Iran/Iraq Jeffrey McLaren. McLaren stated that Canada had no plans to pledge new funds in Stockholm, but noted that Canada had recently earmarked \$15 million to the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) from Canada's overall \$300 million allocated for Iraq reconstruction (see ref d). This \$15 million, he said, brings Canada's total IRFFI contributions to \$115 million. (Comment: Ref b provides an insight into Canada's view of funding Iraqi reconstruction and ref c notes that Canada has taken in double its allotted number of Iraqi refugees. End Comment)

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